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It's not perfect, but it's the best we can do for now.

That was a majority of Halifax regional councillors' reasoning for approving a five-year, \$2.6-million contract with Bell Aliant for public Wi-Fi in parts of downtown Halifax and Dartmouth. Councillors debated the motion for two hours, and it was a close vote — 9-8 in favour.

The Wi-Fi will be online in July or August of this year, covering the Halifax and Dartmouth waterfronts, the properties of the North Memorial Library and the Halifax Central Library and Grand Parade.

"In our efforts to bring forward something, this is our best," HRM chief financial officer Amanda Whitewood told council.

In her presentation to council, Whitewood and two other municipal staffers said the service can be expanded from there, but they don't know how much that will cost. They also said the municipality will be able to advertise on the landing page, or splash page,

where users log onto the network, but they don't know how much revenue — if any — that will generate.

"In the presentation, unfortunately, I heard a lot of 'mights': 'we might be able to expand this for some unknown future cost,' 'we might be able to gain advertising revenue,' 'we might have partners,' but we don't have any definites in here," said Coun. Sam Austin.

Austin argued the "glory days" of Wi-Fi had passed us by, and "now everyone has a smartphone in their pocket."

Coun. Matt Whitman echoed that, saying he was "underwhelmed" by the proposal and that Fredericton had public Wi-Fi in 2003.

Coun. Lisa Blackburn agreed Halifax is late to the party, but argued that meant council couldn't hold off any longer.

"Kids, we're so far behind we think we're first," she said. "I don't know if we can wait on this."

Mayor Mike Savage said he shared councillors' "vexation" over the price and coverage of the proposal, but he, too wanted to move forward.

"The best time to do something may be six years ago. The second best is now," he said.

Councillors Austin, Whitman, Steve Adams, Richard Zurawski, Lindell Smith, Lorelei Nicoll, Bill Karsten and David Hendsbee voted against the proposal.

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Halifax professor wins Canada's top science prize

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Dahn hopes to ease climate change with his battery work

A Halifax professor who has partnered with Tesla to make better lithium-ion batteries — and, he hopes, to help mitigate climate change — has won Canada's top science award.

Dr. Jeff Dahn of Dalhousie University was to receive the \$1-million Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering on Tuesday evening in Ottawa.

Dahn's pioneering work on lithium and lithium-ion batteries since 1978 helped develop the batteries that have made mobile devices part of our everyday lives.

Last summer, he began a five-year research partnership with Tesla Motors, the California electric car company headed by CEO Elon Musk. Tesla is also keenly interested in energy storage for solar and wind, and Dahn said addressing climate change is a "big motivator" for him.

Solar and wind energy will wean us of our fossil fuel habit, and improved energy storage is the missing link, he said.

"Unfortunately they're not always there, so when the sun is shining and the wind is blow-



Dr. Jeff Dahn of Dalhousie University will receive the \$1-million Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering today in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO-NSERC, MARTIN LIPMAN

ing, you have to store, so in the night and in the calm you have electricity available," he said.

Tesla has set up a six-person lab in neighbouring Dartmouth so it could work with Dahn's 25-member team across the harbour at Dalhousie.

"That was established so that Tesla would have a presence in Nova Scotia and could have more sort of proprietary research going on that was

still making use of some of our facilities," Dahn said.

Dahn said he has no financial interest in the research — nor in the two battery-related companies that have already been spun off from his Dalhousie lab.

"I've learned a man has to live within his limitations, I think that's a Clint Eastwood quote from one of his movies," he said. "I like to think about the science and get involved in

the experiments and talk with the students about their results. That's what I love. Anything business-related, I've learned that's not for me."

Tesla is taking the financial risk on research in his lab that may lead nowhere, he said. Dahn hasn't met Musk, but said he has interacted fairly often with Tesla co-founder JB Straubel, the company's chief technical officer.

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The university says it is the third time in four years that a Dalhousie researcher has won the Herzberg prize. Dr. Jeff Dahn also won the Governor General's Innovation Award last year.

Dahn and his team previously developed a high-precision test that could accurately determine battery lifespan in weeks, rather than decades.

His career has focused on finding novel materials to meet increasing demand for the batteries, while improving production, storage and sustainability.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, which awards the Herzberg prize, says Dahn performed fundamental studies on all of the materials used in lithium-ion batteries, and helped invent some of the positive-electrode materials used in lithium-ion cells for power tools, grid energy storage and electric vehicles.

Dahn, 60, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., and moved to Nova Scotia in 1970 with his family.

He said he hopes to use the Herzberg money to establish a research chair at Dalhousie after he retires.

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EDUCATION

Weather may delay voting for teachers



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The final voting results on the latest Nova Scotia teacher's contract could be delayed by a day.

Although the ratification vote for Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) members is set for Wednesday, the forecasted snow and ice pellets overnight Tuesday was expected to close schools in at least some parts of the province.

Angela Murray, spokesperson for the NSTU, said the electronic polls open at 6 a.m. Wednesday for those teachers who have regular school. However, voting would be extended into Thursday for those members whose school boards cancel class due to snow.

"We won't have results (Wednesday)," Murray said.

In the case all schools are open and the weather doesn't turn out to be too bad, Murray said all voting will happen Wednesday — but "more than likely" they will need until Thursday to make sure all the votes come in.

The NSTU has been trying to hammer out a deal with the province since last year, and this is the third tentative agreement the union has recommended teachers accept.

Teachers have been engaged in work-to-rule job action for all but a week since early December, after a second contract agreement was rejected late last year.

MUSIC

Get nostalgic at the I Love the 90s Tour

Get ready to break out your dance moves, Halifax.

The I Love the 90s Tour is making a few stops in the Maritimes this year after more than 110 shows across North America in 2016.

The all-ages event includes a lineup of iconic '90s artists, including Salt-N-Pepa (of hits like Push It, Shoop, Let's Talk About Sex), Rob Base, All 4 One, Color Me Badd, Biz Markie, Young MC, and C+C Music Factory featuring Freedom Williams.

Halifax's Scotiabank Centre will host the show on May 24, called an "arena-sized dance party" by Entertainment Weekly. The tour also stops in Sydney, N.S. on May 26 and Moncton on May 27.

Tickets for the Maritime leg of the tour go on sale this Friday at 9 a.m., and start at \$62.75. They're available at the Ticket Atlantic box office, by phone at (902) 451-1221, participating Atlantic Superstore outlets, or ticketatlantic.com.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



Sandra 'Pepa' Denton, left, and Cheryl 'Salt' James, of Salt-N-Pepa will be part of the 90s show. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

Halifax digest

POLICE

Investigation launched after man's body found in burning home

A man's body has been discovered inside a burning building in Sydney. Police say they were called to a home on Robert Street at about 9 p.m. Monday.

Cape Breton Regional Fire Services were on the scene of a structure fire and found the man inside. Police say an autopsy is being done and they are working with the fire marshal in

their investigation. They are asking anyone with information to contact them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANDALISM

Guilty plea for damaging gay pride crosswalk

A 24-year-old Thorburn man has pleaded guilty to committing mischief by damaging the gay pride crosswalk in New Glasgow.

Dylan Robert Horton also pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while drunk on or about Nov. 11, 2016. Police said at the time officers had observed an ATV driving dangerously. TC MEDIA

PEST CONTROL

Council passes rat recommendation



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Rats of Halifax, beware.

Halifax regional council passed a motion at its meeting on Tuesday aimed at curtailing the municipality's population of the rodents. Halifax Regional Municipality will now require developers to bait buildings for 10 to 14 days before demolishing them to make way for new ones.

But for many councillors, that's not enough.

Coun. Tim Outhit supported the motion, but said he's been getting more calls lately about rats, and asked whether Halifax Water was still culling rats by baiting sewers.

Coun. Russell Walker had an answer.

"To my knowledge the Halifax Water commission doesn't bait anywhere," he said. "They stopped the practice two years ago."

Walker said he didn't support the motion at community council because it didn't go far enough.

"To me, until we actually bait the sewers, we're not going to fix this problem," he said.

Coun. Richard Zurawski agreed.

"I'd like to see why Halifax Water stopped its baiting since we didn't cease to be a port city," he said.

Zurawski asked for a study or survey on the rat issue looking at what other cities have done.

HRM chief administrative officer Jacques Dubé agreed to produce a report on Halifax Water's baiting and best practices in rat control.

+ FEEDBACK

Brian Betts, branch manager at Lawrencetown-based Ace Pest Control, told Metro last week that he thought the developer requirement was a "good idea," but things like sewer baiting and enforcing garbage rules would go a long way too.

TRANSIT

Low income bus pass moving forward

The municipality is making it easier for low income Haligonians to take transit, but still not easy enough, say some councillors.

Regional council passed a motion at its Tuesday meeting substantially expanding Halifax Transit's low income transit pass pilot project, which gives those who qualify the ability to purchase a half price transit pass, worth \$39.

The project started in September 2016 and was only supposed to last six months, but people who are already part of the program will not be able to buy passes until the end of June.

The pilot is now an annual project, and will be available to 1,000 people this year, double last year's limit.

The municipality also removed a significant barrier for people applying for the pass: the required annual household income of less than \$33,000 no longer includes roommates.

"I've spoken to the people who've used this bus pass and it's made a huge difference in their life," Coun. Tony Mancini said on Tuesday.

Other councillors felt the municipality could do better.

"This is a great start, but it still makes the transit pass \$450, which many of my residents can't afford," said Coun. Russell Walker.

He says his hope is to get the price down to the same as a student pass — about \$160 for the school year.

"To me, we still have a lot of work to do here in providing transportation to those that can't afford transportation."

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO



Regional council passed a motion substantially expanding the low income transit pass pilot project. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Meaghan Wright works away in the Halifax Central Library's newly minted Sunroom, which features the paintings of Shelley Mitchell during its first installation. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Historic meets contemporary

SUNROOM

Central Library opens art exhibit space in café



Anna Sophia Vollmerhausen
For Metro | Halifax

Patrons enjoying the view from the fifth floor of the Halifax Central Library will soon be able to gaze upon another kind of scenery.

The library is renaming the café space on the fifth floor the Sunroom, and is looking to feature artwork from new and established local artists on the walls of the space.

Asa Kachan, the chief librarian and CEO, said the hope is to inspire people to think differently about their community.

"Excellent art is not unlike excellent literature, it gives you a lens on things that come through somebody else's eyes, and can really broaden your own view of your community and yourself," Kachan said.

According to Kachan, a library donor suggesting naming the space the Sunroom.

"The front end (of the fifth floor) has often been referred to as 'Halifax's living room,' and the back end was never known by any specific name," Kachan explained.

"As Time Goes By," the first

installation to be hosted in the space, features six paintings from artist Shelley Mitchell. The paintings feature a variety of local landmarks, from the Dartmouth smokestacks to the Citadel Clock Tower.

"The paintings in this exhibition are my way of capturing the integration of the historic and contemporary elements of this city through which we move," Mitchell wrote in an artist statement posted near the paintings.

According to Kachan, the art installations will be on display for six to eight weeks.

Those interested in having their work featured can apply, and a selection committee made up of representatives from the Halifax Regional Municipality and the local art community

+ OPENING

Visitors will be able to look at the art on display anytime during library hours; however, an official opening of the space is being held on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

will decide on which work to showcase.

"I think this will just continue to draw people to the space," Kachan said. "At the library, we like to provide people with a rich variety of experiences and opportunities to learn and to reflect and to know their community better, so this fits very nicely into that objective."

METEOROLOGY

More winter weather expected



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

It looks like our wintry week isn't over yet.

As meteorologists kept their eyes on a system that was expected to bring snow, ice pellets and rain to the region Tuesday night into Wednesday, another storm is possibly brewing for Thursday evening.

"We are expecting another system. It looks like it'll be passing to the south of Nova Scotia, but we have to pretty much wait for this first system to go through to get a better handle on it," said Environment Canada meteorologist Tracey Talbot on Tuesday afternoon.

"It definitely could be a significant weather maker bringing us

some snow maybe mixed with some ice pellets and rain like similar to this first one. But it does look a bit more intense and the winds look a bit stronger so it definitely is something we're watching for Thursday night into Friday morning."

Hopping its way to Sydney

TOURISM

Amphibious tours look to expand beyond Halifax

A famous tourist attraction in Halifax may soon find itself hopping harbours to Sydney come the end of the summer.

Atlantic Ambassatours Ltd., a Halifax-based company, is hoping to expand its business by putting its Harbour Hoppers amphibious vehicles in Sydney for the months of September and October to coincide with tourism season on the island.

The company has applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for approval to have the amphibious tours in Sydney for the two-month period.

Terri MacCulloch, communications manager for Ambassatours, said the company is hoping for a positive outcome with its application.

"If we get approved we will be in Sydney for sure," she said. "It's just pending approval at this point, and our intention is to come."

The Harbour Hoppers are popular with tourists and locals in Halifax.

The amphibious adventure showcases the city by land and sea, taking people to places of interest such as Citadel Hill National Historic Site, the Victorian Public Gardens and St. Paul's Church, to name a few.

"There are certainly lots of demand for Harbour Hoppers in ports in our region, but we've had Sydney on our radar for a



People ride on the Harbour Hopper last summer. JEFF HARPER/METRO

while as a place where we would like to bring the hoppers," said MacCulloch. "I know the city has been very keen to have us there — it's like a match of our abilities with the city's interest."

The company hopes to have two Harbour Hoppers in Sydney. They will be made available to the public and tourists when cruise ships are docked, pending approval by the NSUARB.

MacCulloch said the company is interested in having the Harbour Hoppers in the area for a

number of reasons, including the 50 per cent increase in tourism traffic to Sydney this year.

"It looks like we're going to come up after the end of August, bringing the units up to test them out through cruise season," she said.

Atlantic Ambassatours Ltd. has six Harbour Hoppers in Halifax. The company recently added two more to its fleet.

"People love the Harbour Hopper — I think it's a combination of being on the water and on

the land, but it's the transition between land and water that people find really thrilling," said MacCulloch. "Many people have never had the chance to be on an amphibious vehicle."

Lindsay McKinnon, owner of Defiant Darlings Fashion and Accessories Inc. in downtown Sydney, said the Harbour Hoppers would be good for retail business in the downtown area, citing the potential of customers shopping in the area after the tours. TC MEDIA

TRENTON

Couple win \$1M in lotto



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A Nova Scotia couple is \$1 million richer after winning a Lotto 6/49 draw last month.

In a news release, Atlantic Lottery said Calvin Hayman and Sheri Campbell of Trenton won the guaranteed prize from the Jan. 25 draw.

The couple aren't regular ticket buyers. Hayman knew his numbers didn't match the winning combination for the main jackpot so he wasn't expecting anything when he went to check the ticket.

The clerk scanned it once, then again. Hayman waited anxiously. "Her face got really red and finally she said, 'You're a millionaire!' It was the longest drive home I've ever had," he said.

Returning home, he tried to share the good news with Campbell.

"He was shaking from head to toe and kept holding the ticket up, but I got what he meant," Campbell said with a chuckle.

While Hayman doesn't have a wish list, he admits to being a fan of the rare French car, the Citroën DS21. He knows there is one in Belgium, but won't say if a trip is in the works.

Ireland is another place on his bucket list.

"If I was really going to celebrate it would be at Fitzgerald's Pub in Avoca, Ireland. You never know," he said.

Campbell doesn't have any immediate wants. She plans to let it sink in.

+ TOURS

In Halifax, tours last 55 minutes and are priced from \$11.99 for children to \$35 for adults.

Terri MacCulloch said the tour route and prices for Sydney won't be confirmed until the utility and review board makes a decision.

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Masked coming of age tale

I, CLAUDIA

Preteen struggles with divorce in one-woman show



Anna Sophia Vollmerhausen
For Metro | Halifax

I, Claudia, the latest show being put on by Neptune Theatre, premieres on the Scotiabank Stage Tuesday night.

The play centres on a main character of the same name, a not-quite 13-year-old girl struggling with her parents' divorce, puberty and not having friends at school.

It features three other influential figures in her life: her grandfather, a janitor at her school and her father's new girlfriend.

Lucy Hill, who plays all the characters in the show, said she was drawn in by the chance to play four vastly different figures. Hill wears a different half-face mask for



Lucy Hill plays Claudia in Neptune Theatre's production of **I, Claudia**, a story about a 13-year-old girl struggling with puberty and her parents' divorce. Lucy Hill plays four characters in the show.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

each character, which also intrigued her, she said.

"(It) enables me as an artist to be really bold with each

character and to dive far into each one and to be physically transformed, so that was sort of the initial draw for me,"

Hill said.

Director Ann-Marie Kerr said the masks help to give a deeper insight into the char-

"It's like we wear masks in our lives to hide things, and on stage it's like we reveal more."

Ann-Marie Kerr

acters, and the play itself.

"It's like we wear masks in our lives to hide things, and on stage it's like they reveal more," Kerr said.

As for Hill, she said she is looking forward to sharing the emotions of the characters in the play with audiences in Halifax.

"I want people to come and ... just go on the journey with the four characters, and to laugh when they want to laugh, and be loud, and react and cry if it makes them cry," she said.

+ CHECK IT OUT

The one-woman show will run until Feb. 19.

FINANCES

N.B. debt continues to climb

New Brunswick's government is piling on more debt in its 2017-18 budget as the Liberals opt for targeted spending increases rather than a quicker assault on the deficit.

Finance Minister Cathy Rogers' \$9.4 billion budget released Tuesday hikes spending by just under four per cent despite the province's fiscal challenges.

"New Brunswickers want their government to get our finances in order, but not at the expense of our social programs," she said in her budget speech.

The deficit is projected to be \$192 million by the end of March 2018. The total debt is rising to \$14.4 billion — up almost \$1 billion from last year's net debt, although some of that is due to an accounting change.

Bruce Fitch, the Tory finance critic, said the government has squandered a chance to stop bleeding red ink after raising sales taxes last year.

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Influx of refugees at border

REFUGEES

Manitoba town sees flood of asylum seekers

An increasing number of people seeking asylum are braving the elements of the open prairie to come into Canada from the United States, says the head of one small community that is calling for federal help to deal with the influx.

Last weekend alone, 22 people crossed the border from North Dakota into Emerson-Franklin, RCMP confirmed Tuesday. Nineteen were put up in a community hall where they were supervised and fed by officials and volunteers in the community of 2,000 residents.

"It's starting to get overwhelmed here, and now we're starting to have concerns that we maybe need to have more security or do something different," said Greg Janzen, the municipality's reeve.

"We will be sending a bill to (the federal government) because there is a cost to our ratepayers."

The area has always seen the



Yahya Samatar, a Somali man who swam across the Red River from North Dakota to Manitoba and has since been granted refugee status. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"When a person is very desperate, you have to take any options that can save your life."

Yahya Samatar

occasional border jumper due to the short walk from communities such as Pembina or Noyes in North Dakota to Emerson-Franklin, which sits right on the boundary. The numbers have increased in recent months and have shot up dramatically in the last couple of weeks following planned new restrictions in the United States on refugees.

Many of the border crossers are from African nations such as Somalia who have been living in the U.S., said Cliff Graydon, who represents the area in the Manitoba legislature. They have two choices at the border — go to an official entry point and be turned back under the Safe Third Country Agreement with the U.S., or sneak onto Canadian

soil, get picked up by police and start the refugee process with the help of non-profit groups.

Federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Tuesday that border crossings in other parts of the country have also seen an increase, but the overall numbers are not as high as they were several years ago.

He said he would consider

providing more resources to Emerson-Franklin and other areas, but was noncommittal.

Graydon said an aggravating factor is that the RCMP has cut some positions in the surrounding communities. The Mounties are responsible for patrolling the border outside of official entry points.

One of the highest-profile crossers was Yahya Samatar. Originally from Somalia and fearing persecution from a group affiliated with al-Qaida, he came to the United States and was denied refugee status. In the summer of 2015, he made his way from Minneapolis to the border area not far from Emerson-Franklin.

He got lost, saw the Red River and jumped in, hoping that Canada was on the other side. After getting out and walking for another 45 minutes or so, he came across a Good Samaritan who helped him.

"When a person is very desperate, you have to take any options that can save your life," Samatar recalled Tuesday. He has been allowed to stay in Canada and now works at an office in downtown Winnipeg.

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MISSING AND MURDERED

An inquiry unlike any other

People should not expect to see the kinds of hearings usually found in courtrooms when the inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women begins, lead commissioner Marion Buller said Tuesday.

The process will let indigenous people tell their own stories in their own way, Buller said at a news conference alongside her fellow commissioners and members of the inquiry's legal team.

The national inquiry, which is still on schedule to begin in the spring, will be unlike anything the country has seen from a legal standpoint, said Susan Vella, the lead counsel for the commission.

"Right now, it is a very flexible concept, obviously and it has to be," Vella said.

The inquiry will provide different options as it goes about collecting information, Vella said, and will include lesbian, two-spirit and transgender people in the process. She also said the commissioners will only go into communities where they are invited.

"If the community is too traumatized ... then we will respect that." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Daniel Nebiat TORSTAR

Cabbie picks up Juno nod — and a fare

After the 2017 Juno Award nominees were announced Tuesday, Daniel Nebiat was in a particularly good mood, and for good reason: He had just learned his musical group was among the contenders.

But instead of going out to celebrate, he left the nominations ceremony at Toronto's

Rebel nightclub, got back in his cab, and picked up a fare in front of the club.

Nebiat, a 44-year-old musician originally from Eritrea, is one of nine members that make up the Okavango African Orchestra, which was nominated for the World Music Album of the Year. He plays the krar, a

six-stringed instrument from Eritrea and Ethiopia, sings in his native Tigrigna and, for the past three years, has been a driver for Toronto's Co-op cabs. For him, Tuesday started like any other shift.

"I woke up at 3 o'clock in the morning, I started driving at 4 o'clock," Nebiat said. But then

"they told me to come (to the ceremony) ... so I came there, parked my car and went in."

Nebiat said he's been singing since he was a child, taking part in an Eritrean tradition of going door to door for New Year's and singing for neighbours in exchange for small gifts or money. At 11, he used the money he'd

earned to buy his first krar.

"I don't want it to sound like a cliché, but family doesn't want you to be a musician and my mom was not happy" about the krar, Nebiat recalled. "She got rid of it, she broke it." Nebiat said his mother has since become his biggest fan.

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Confusion reigns in White House

POLITICS

More mixed messages from U.S. president and his team

Donald Trump's press secretary stood at the White House podium and delivered a message to the world: Trump's executive order was "not a travel ban" and "not extreme."

Sean Spicer's words last week were duly reported. Then Trump went on Twitter and touted his "travel ban." His phrase for it: "extreme vetting."

It was yet another mixed message from an administration that has made a dizzying early specialty of them.

On matters semantic and significant, the U.S. President and his team have left America's allies and adversaries suffering through the world's highest-stakes involuntary guessing game, struggling to decipher just what it is this government actually means.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has dispatched at least three ministers to Washington this



White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer fields questions about U.S. President Donald Trump's executive order travel ban and other topics. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

week. They will work to build relationships with the young administration. They will also seek clarity.

The pressing question is not only whether anyone who is not Trump can accurately speak for Trump. It is which Trump words

are the magic Trump words.

"That's a question that is already being asked inside the bureaucracy: when the president tweets something, how literally should we take that? And I think the answer is, we don't know yet," said Philip J. Crowley, an

assistant secretary of state under Barack Obama. "And I suspect inside the White House, they don't know yet either."

The confusion may not exclusively be evidence of inexperience and inevitable first-month disorganization, although

that seems part of it. Trump has argued, in his campaign book and in interviews, that a president should use "the element of surprise" to keep opponents "off balance" — creating his own version of Richard Nixon's "madman theory" of

+ TRAVEL BAN

■ A panel of appeals court judges reviewing President Donald Trump's travel ban hammered away Tuesday at the federal government's arguments that the states cannot challenge the order.

■ The hearing before the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judges was the greatest legal challenge yet to the ban, which has upended travel to the U.S. for more than a week.

diplomacy.

"In the foreign policy world, predictability is a very significant currency. And yet we have in the president someone who prides himself on being unpredictable, even impulsive," Crowley said. "Whether this is a permanent feature of the Trump administration, or just a phase as the president learns the nature of the job, that's a question I'm not sure we have an answer for yet."

Trump's volatility has miffed not only America's enemies but its friends.

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GLOBAL DIGEST

SOMALIA Election amid turmoil

Colorful campaign posters in this seaside capital give the impression that Somalia's presidential election on Wednesday will be like any other. That's far from true.

Mogadishu is in lockdown because of violence by homegrown Islamic extremist group al-Shabab. The airport will be closed, and the vote will be confined to a heavily protected former air force base.

Fears of attacks already have delayed the vote several times.

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SYRIA

Thousands hanged: Report

The prison was known as "the slaughterhouse." Behind its closed doors, military police hanged as many as 13,000 people over four years, according to a report by Amnesty International. The report covers the period from March 2011 to December 2015. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JESSICA ALLEN ON DECIDING WHAT YOU VALUE



Boycotting a product or service to make a political statement is one thing. But follow the money, and it gets a lot more complicated.

Sometime in the late '90s at a friend's backyard barbecue, I remember meeting a woman who refused a bowl of ice cream.

She was boycotting the brand, which I don't remember. But they'd done something terrible.

While I ate mine (strawberry, I believe), I noticed she was wearing Nike trainers. It must've been right after Michael Moore's 1997 *The Big One*, a documentary in which Moore meets with Nike CEO Phil Knight and asks him to manufacture his shoes in America rather than in Indonesian sweatshops.

"How did she choose to boycott the ice cream over the shoes?" I thought. And, as I realized everything I was wearing — from my socks to my hair elastic — was probably made under ethically and environmentally questionable circumstances, it occurred to me: If I want to put my money where my mouth is, the only alternative is to go live in a tree house.

Flash forward to today and whatever your beliefs, there's a boycott for you.

Say you support Donald Trump's executive order banning refugees and travellers from seven mostly Muslim countries. Then, you might choose to boycott Starbucks because the coffee company promised to hire 10,000 refugees. Or perhaps Budweiser, whose Super Bowl commercial was decidedly pro-immigration.

If you detest the ban, you

It's time to start looking beyond hashtags and realize that every decision has political implications.

can boycott anything that says Trump on it, like his hotels and neckties, or his daughter Ivanka's fashion lines.

You may have also been one of the 200,000 who deleted the Uber app after the ridesharing company was seen as undercutting the largely Muslim, 19,000-strong New York Taxi Workers Alliance.

The day after Trump signed his executive order, the alliance called for a one-hour

that two of Trump's advisers are major Lyft investors.

In other words, things got complicated. But deleting seemed far more effective in the moment than distilling.

Distilling would've required taking the time to ask what is wrong with Kalanick taking part in the economic advisory council, and, more importantly, what is this council?

The Strategic and Policy Forum, according to Trump's

Days later, Kalanick removed himself from that table:

"The implicit assumption that Uber (or I) was somehow endorsing the Administration's agenda has created a perception-reality gap between who people think we are, and who we actually are."

Which is a shame because a businessperson with clout will not take part in a conversation that could greatly affect the American economy.

I didn't delete my Uber app, although I should because they can't find my house on their navigation system. Actually, I probably should never have downloaded it in the first place.

They didn't just undermine New York City taxi drivers during the protest. Their entire business model undercuts those drivers every single day.

The ridesharing enterprise is based on incentivizing workers to undervalue their labour. Many drivers are supplementing a menial day job with the earnings from another. If you choose Uber, you're not thoughtfully considering how your dollars translate into the world we live in.

That is the problem.

Faced with an increasingly complicated and politicized world, it's time to start looking beyond hashtags and realize that every decision — from the \$4 ride to the \$4 socks — has political implications.

The problem isn't how to spend your money, the problem is deciding what you value and being savvy enough to make sure you aren't accidentally supporting it.

But cheap socks are amazing. That's the hard part. If you begin to follow the money, the tree house starts looking better and better.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Our refugee policy is tested now that the crisis is at our door

The next few years will test the strength of Refugees Welcome. And I worry it is a test Canada is doomed to fail. While Canada has moved on with generosity and relative openness to the Syrian crisis, many of the world's refugees have been left in a confusing lurch.

The Trudeau government has committed to playing a part in bringing over refugees from Syria. But even in that, their response has been haphazard. For example, in December, Ottawa placed a cap on private-sponsor applications for Syrian and Iraqi refugees at 1,000 for 2017.

That is only a fraction of the 13,000 Syrian refugees that arrived in Canada via the private sponsorship program in 2016 alone.

For many families and community groups on the private sponsorship list, the announcement was a surprise; while the government sorts through a massive backlog, they have waited, ready and willing.

The private sponsorship option is Canada's flagship PR-friendly program; it is a stand-out program that is cited by experts for its uniqueness and superb co-ordination.

A speedy and co-ordinated response is essential. The global refugee crisis has now arrived at our borders.

According to the *Toronto Star*, border guards in Quebec reported a threefold rise in migrants walking across the border to claim asylum in Canada. In many spots, including Emerson, Man., communities along the U.S.-Canada border are

reporting a substantial increase in migrants trekking through treacherous weather.

The election of U.S. President Donald Trump, and the subsequent travel ban on seven mostly Muslim countries, has only increased the volume of asylum claimants crossing the border from the U.S. into Canada.

The government response has been lacklustre. After Trump's executive order, Prime Minister Trudeau tweeted, "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canada will welcome you, regardless of your faith." For many, this was seen as an open invitation (and defiance of Donald Trump). And yet, when pressed on it, Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen clarified that there would be no actual increase in the number of refugees Canada would welcome. The U.S. would keep its designation as a safe country.

For migrants from Muslim countries, the U.S. is not a safe option. In fact, as *Daily Xtra* reported, LGBTQ refugees from Iran — an Islamic country hostile to queer citizens — are now stranded in Turkey, a largely Muslim country already overwhelmed with refugees. They'd been promised asylum under the Harper government. They are now being told by the Canadian embassy to apply to the United States, a nation presided over by a man hostile to all Muslims.

As the American situation unfolds and crises in South Sudan and Venezuela become more urgent, this lack of coherence will show up at our doors.



Let's say you want to protest Trump's immigration policies by boycotting Uber: It's not quite as clear-cut as you think. GETTY

freeze on pickups at JFK airport to show solidarity with thousands of protesters who'd gathered at the airport.

"We cannot be silent. We go to work to welcome people to a land that once welcomed us. We will not be divided," they tweeted.

But #DeleteUber wasn't just trending on Twitter because Uber drivers ignored the freeze and shut off their surge pricing.

Back in December, their chief executive Travis Kalanick was asked to join an economic advisory council with Trump.

The proximity to that name was enough to encourage many to switch to Lyft, another rideshare service, that recently announced it was donating \$1 million US to the ACLU. But then it became known

website greatagain.gov, is a chance for 16 business leaders "to provide direct input to the President from many of the best and brightest in the business world in a frank, non-bureaucratic and non-partisan manner."

Who else is going? CEOs and representatives of Tesla, Pepsi Co. General Motors, Walt Disney, Boeing, IBM, JPMorgan Chase, Walmart, and Daniel Yergin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and energy analyst, among others.

Do we boycott them, too?

Kalanick emailed his staff to explain why having a seat at this table wasn't an endorsement of the president, but a chance to effect change, and "that by speaking up and engaging we can make a difference."

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A meal that made you fall in love

There's nothing more romantic than staying home and cooking for a loved one. A simple meal that shows off your skills and thoughtfulness is much more meaningful than ordering off a menu. We asked readers what they made for their significant others during their early stages of dating or as newlyweds.

Here are a few of their stories. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Lakshmi

My husband Ghopal was my brother's friend and we knew each other for five years before we got married in Hyderabad, India. When we got engaged I made him upma, a south Indian bread dish, because I had bread in the house and it's a quick dish that he never had before. I learned how to make it from my mom and he still enjoys it today after 47 years of marriage! We moved to Toronto 43 years ago and both love introducing our dishes to our friends and neighbours. Ghopal does the chopping and I do the cooking, but he also makes really good curry puffs. My husband used to work at Sears and I would bring him lunch and we'd eat it in the cafeteria together. Now we're both artists where he'll draw and I'll paint. We love doing things together.

Karen

First, I must point out that my dad loved my meat loaf. In fact, my whole family loved my meat loaf. So when I made it as a newlywed for my husband I expected a warm reception. But my husband was surprised that I didn't cover it with a tin of tomato soup like his mom did. He was downright mystified by the garlic. It wasn't his momma's meat loaf, which he professed to love, but I carried on, knowing that it would be his new favourite. I could not have been more wrong. It seems that while I was cleaning up that night, he tried to flush the meat loaf down the toilet. The toilet got completely stopped so we had the superintendent come up with a plunger to our new apartment. That happened in September 1970 when we were both 18 and remarkably we're still together.

Benjamin

Eleven years ago when I lived in Cleveland, I met Carolyn at a creative workshop and we had a long-distance relationship for about eight months. I bragged to her that I was a good cook and on her first visit, I told her to play Iron Chef: name one ingredient and I'd make an entrée with it. She said chocolate. I made her chicken breasts with a mole sauce. We married in 2007 and ironically, she has since given up chocolate and is now a vegetarian.



Nancy

I met my husband when we went to the same college in Illinois in 1965. When I graduated, we moved to Canada and got married. His family is from Estonia, so I wanted to learn the language and pay attention to his customs. I never learned the language very well but I did learn to make rosolje, a traditional beet salad that his family made at Christmas. He bought the salted herring and chopped up many of the ingredients: beets, apples, potatoes, meat and pickles. I realized at that point that he had good culinary skills. I was surprised. That was in 1967. We continued to make rosolje every Christmas and we plan on making it this July for our 50th wedding anniversary.

Donalda

The first meal I made for my husband Roy was a TV dinner when I was 20. I took the dinners out of the freezer, read the instructions, turned on the oven and put them in. I picked up a magazine to read while they cooked. Eventually the timer went off and I took out the TV dinners, which still had frost on top. I didn't realize you had to preheat the oven. Roy never said anything about my mistake. He's been very faithful complementing me about enjoying what I've made for us to eat. As the years passed, I've become a very good cooks. Roy and I have been married for 60 years since last November. Needless to say, I've learned to turn on the oven at the proper time and temperature.

Irene

Back in the 1960s when my future husband and I were young, a Sunday dinner was always crowned with my mom's homemade pie. Usually it would be apple because we had a Duchess apple tree that gifted us with delicious red-striped beauties. After one of my mom's roasted beef dinners and indulging in his second piece of pie, the love of my life didn't stop complimenting the luscious flavour of the pie. It was a thrill to hear, because unbeknownst to him I made that pie. I think this must have been the true test of him falling in love with me, not only as his sweetheart but also as someone who could satisfy his sweet tooth. After 50 years of wedded bliss, his favourite dessert is still my homemade, warm apple pie with a slice of sharp cheddar on the side.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Bloody glowers only for Hardy



Tom Hardy as James Delaney in FX's *Taboo*. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: *Taboo*, Season 1, Episode 2 (FX)

THE MOMENT: The period filth

The War of 1812 is nearly over. James Delaney (Tom Hardy) has just returned to England after 12 mysterious years in Africa. He has many enemies — as did his late father, who left behind angry creditors.

Delaney and his crooked lawyer Hoyt (Nicholas Woodeson) have called the creditors into a courtroom, where they mob behind the bar. Delaney glowers at them from the front.

"The son does not inherit the debts of the father," Hoyt cries.

Suddenly Delaney stands, opens a leather satchel, and tips its contents onto a table. Coins rain down.

"That is 219 pounds and four shillings," he growls. "My father's debts total 219 pounds and four shillings. So you will be paid. But first you will form an orderly line."

The mob quietens. "But first

you will form an orderly line," Delaney repeats, more slowly, but as menacingly as a dragon. The men form a line.

I hope if Hardy ever wins an award for this, the first person he thanks is his makeup artist.

Never has there been a more scrofulous show. Every character, including King George, is perpetually disgusting: Their cheeks are streaked with soot, their knuckles red from punching things. What teeth remain are green or rudely capped with clots of silver. And the tattoos! I hope some of the many on Hardy's body are real, or else he's spending days in makeup chairs.

But man, it's effective. Hardy's glower is scary no matter how it's deployed. But it's really powerful when rimmed with blood and grime.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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MUSIC

Gaga's Bowl flows over

The Super Bowl was a triumph for fans of the New England Patriots but it also became very lucrative for Lady Gaga (below). The superstar singer who performed at the halftime show sold about 150,000 digital albums and songs in the U.S. on Sunday, a 1,000 per cent increase over the day before, according to Nielsen Music. Sales of Lady Gaga's songs *Born This Way*, *Bad Romance* and *Poker Face* all spiked.

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POLITICS

Don-ye bromance over?

Kanye West's friendly relationship with President Donald Trump may have been short-lived. A Twitter defence of West's meeting with Trump has been deleted from the rapper's account. After meeting with the then president-elect at Trump Tower on Dec. 13, West explained that he discussed "multicultural issues" with Trump, including violence in West's hometown of Chicago. Those tweets have now been deleted.

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TELEVISION

Rosie ready for SNL skit

On the heels of actress Melissa McCarthy's caustic portrayal of White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer on *Saturday Night Live*, comedienne Rosie O'Donnell says she's available to play President Donald Trump's controversial adviser Steve Bannon. On her Twitter feed, O'Donnell responded to suggestions that she play Bannon by saying "available — if called I will serve." McCarthy lampooned Spicer last weekend in a sketch where she taunted reporters as "losers," fired a water gun at the press corps and used the lectern to ram a reporter.

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BOOKS

Kings team up for Expo

This year's BookExpo will feature a popular father-and-son combination: Stephen and Owen King. Convention organizers ReedPop said that the authors will be featured at a June breakfast in New York promoting *Sleeping Beauties*, a novel they worked on together. Meanwhile Salman Rushdie's next novel will be a take on the age of Obama, with an added dash of Trump. The author is working on *The Golden House*, a narrative set against "the panorama" of U.S. life since Barack Obama's arrival at the White House in 2009.

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Juno high fives for Drake, Mendes and the Weeknd

2017 JUNO AWARDS

Home comfort for global stars as Downie joins front of queue

Global music stars Drake, Shawn Mendes and the Weeknd were celebrated at home Tuesday as they were named the leading nominees heading into this year's Juno Awards, while Gord Downie's work in 2016 could garner a half-dozen trophies.

Downie is nominated for songwriter of the year, best adult alternative album and best video for his multimedia solo project *Secret Path*, which is also in the running for recording package of the year. His band the Tragically Hip is also up for group of year and rock album of the year honours.

Drake, Mendes and the Weeknd all have five nominations and are contending in marquee categories including best album, best single, artist of the year and the Juno Fan Choice Award. Pop singer Alessia Cara followed closely behind with four nominations, as did the late Leonard Cohen.

A Tribe Called Red, Grimes, Ruth B, Kaytranada, and Tegan and Sara all have three nominations.

Pop singer Coleman Hell said returning to the Junos after being nominated as breakthrough artist last year is encouraging. He's nominated for *Summerland* in the pop album category this year.



Shawn Mendes and the Weeknd (inset) are both nominated for album, song and artist of the year awards at this year's Junos. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



"It feels pretty validating," he said.

"You put so much time into these things and you never know what's going to happen with it, so it's nice to be recognized."

The Strumbellas felt an extra sense of accomplishment with their three Juno nominations, which include group of the year and the fan choice award. They say it was about a year ago when their single *Spirits*, which is up for single of the year, started its surge into the mainstream.

"We got a Juno nomination early in our career and ... we were so excited at the time," said keyboardist Dave Ritter. "So it's great to be back, nominated again, and to have it cap off what's been a crazy year."

The Juno Awards will be staged at Ottawa's Canadian

Tire Centre on April 2 and air on CTV. Among the performers at the show will be Mendes, Cara, the Strumbellas, Ruth B and A Tribe Called Red.

This year's show will also include a tribute to Sarah McLachlan, who is being inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Michael Buble is still slated to host the show, although his involvement has become uncertain. Buble and his wife, actress Luisana Lopilato, announced in November that they would put their careers on hold to devote attention to their three-year-old son Noah, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

The singer backed out of hosting duties for the Brit Awards last week, although he said in a statement that son Noah is "progressing well" as he undergoes treatment.

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KEY NOMINEES

Album of the year: *You Want It Darker* — Leonard Cohen; *Encore un Soir* — Celine Dion; *Views* — Drake; *Illuminate* — Shawn Mendes; *Starboy* — The Weeknd. **Single of the year:** *Wild Things* — Alessia Cara; *One Dance* — Drake, ft. Wizkid & Kyla; *Treat You Better* — Shawn Mendes; *Spirits* — The Strumbellas; *Starboy* — The Weeknd, ft. Daft Punk.

■ Halifax indie rockers **Wintersleep** have been nominated for best adult alternative album (*The Great Detachment*), while Cape Breton legend **Heather Rankin** is up for adult contemporary album (*A Fine Line*).

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Passion play melts palates and hearts

RECIPE

This fun cake can set pulses really racing on Valentine's Day

Ricardo Larrivée
For Torstar News Service

Make this delectable molten chocolate cake and we promise that your heart won't be the only thing melting this Valentine's Day!

I developed this recipe with ultimate decadence in mind. It's a sultry treat that combines all of my favourite things — eggs, butter, sugar and flour — into the richest, most delicious end to any meal.

The recipe makes enough for four, but be warned, it's sure to inspire the passions! The kicker is that it's simple as can be to make: Just whisk, melt, fold in and bake, for a total of 20 short minutes of prep. In other words, you'll have plenty of time left over to write those Valentine's cards...

Molten Chocolate Cake
Makes four servings.

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) unsalted butter



This Molten Chocolate Cake is super simple to make. SUPPLIED

- 4 oz (115 g) dark chocolate, chopped
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) unbleached all-purpose flour

Directions:

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 375 F/190 C.

2. Generously butter and flour four 1/2 cup (125 mL) ramekins.

3. In a bowl, whisk together the eggs, egg yolks and sugar

until light and fluffy.

4. In a saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Add chocolate and stir until melted. Gently stir in egg mixture. Fold in flour.

5. Divide among the ramekins and bake for 10 minutes.

6. Unmould immediately onto plates. The centre of the cakes should be runny. Garnish with red berries and icing sugar, if desired.

LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL



Last week's revelation that Johnny Depp spends \$30,000 a month on wine had eyes rolling and palates wagging — especially among those on a boxed wine budget.

Funny thing is, dude knows his juice. A self-pro-

No need to waste pirate's ransom on these, Johnny

claimed French wine lover, Captain Sparrow's tastes apparently sway towards the output from Burgundian superstar Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and big named Bordeaux châteaux like Cheval Blanc and Pétrus. They all cost a pirate's ransom, especially from approachable vintages, which means his monthly drinks budget may just equate to a few bottles.

If I had his money I'd buy way more Italian, particularly from Barolo in Italy's northwestern region of Piedmont. While the very best



can command retails into the hundreds of dollars, there are plenty of fine examples that, while still pricey, don't require getting an Oscar nomination to afford.

Making wine from the local Nebbiolo grape for over 130 years, Fontanafredda is no Johnny-come-lately. Deceptively full-bodied, its 2011 Barolo D.O.C.G. (\$25.95-\$36.79) has all the classic black cherry fruit and firm tannins associated with the style.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Look before you dip

Aiming to snack smart? The dip you pick can make all the difference.

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Summer Fresh Roasted Red Pepper Dip (4 Tbsp)

Calories 60
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Calories 280
Fat 30g
Sodium 320mg



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Artichokes conjure up ideas of healthy eating, but this dip includes way more than the nutritious veggie. The first ingredient is mayonnaise, which accounts for the high calorie and fat content. You're having half your daily fat intake with just four tablespoons of this dip! The roasted red pepper dip's first ingredient is roasted bell pepper, followed by sour cream, which has about one-third of the calories and fat of the mayonnaise. This makes for a much lighter dip overall!

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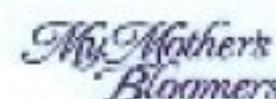
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Crossover packs cargo room



REVIEW

Niro can take on the Prius sedan with fuel efficiency



Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

As the first dedicated hybrid crossover on the market, the Niro occupies a unique space that's barely been tapped by the likes of the hybrid versions of the Toyota RAV4 and the U.S.-exclusive Nissan Rogue. But unlike both of those, which burn only slightly less fuel than their purely gas-powered siblings, the Niro has what it takes to do battle with the Prius sedan at the pumps.

Hybrid crossovers, even front-wheel-drive ones, aren't exactly fuel efficient. That's because they're big, tall and heavy. That's why the 2017 Kia Niro — unlike both gas-electric versions of the RAV4 and Rogue — is built on a platform that was developed specifically for hybrid applications.

Those underpinnings, which are shared with the upcoming Hyundai Ioniq, allow the Niro to be more slight and squat than a traditional crossover. The Niro rides low to the ground in a bid to improve efficiency.

Also helping on the efficiency front is the Niro's powertrain, which, like its platform, is shared with its sister Ioniq sedan. It combines a 1.6-litre gas engine with a small electric

motor that works with a rear-mounted battery pack to add electrons to the drive, while power is transferred to the pavement through a six-speed dual clutch automatic transmission.

And this is where the Niro's only major concession comes into play. Unlike the Rogue and RAV4 hybrid models, it's only available with front-wheel drive. This helps the Niro achieve its impressive fuel economy numbers — combined ratings range from 5.5 L/100 km to 4.7 L/100 km depending on trim.

Doing without all-wheel drive has an additional benefit. Engineers were able to mount the Niro's lithium-ion battery pack beneath the rear seats. While most hybrids have their battery packs mounted in the cargo area, doing so cuts into available space.

Cargo room in the Niro sits at a reasonable 549 litres with the second row of seats upright and 1,543 litres with them folded. Making the most out of the available space, the Niro's tailgate opening is nice and wide, while its rear wheel wells barely cut into cargo volume thanks to cleverly packaged rear suspension.

When it comes to being both a crossover and a hybrid, the 2017 Kia Niro finds itself with few rivals. That list shrinks even further when you factor in its price. Base models start at just \$24,995, strategically undercutting the Toyota Prius by a hefty margin.

Overall, it's an impressive offering that executes Kia's bang-for-your-buck strategy to near perfection.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 KIA NIRO

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.6L 4-cylinder, electric motor, 1.56-kWh lithium-ion battery

Transmission: 6-speed automatic

Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 4.6 city, 5.1 hwy

Price: Starts at \$24,995



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- Lack of all-wheel drive

AMERICAN MADE

F-150 Raptor becomes first in F-series officially sold in China



Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

The American automaker has begun shipping its 2017 Ford F-150 Raptor to customers in China.

This is the first time any U.S.-built F-Series truck has been officially exported to China, joining the Ford GT, Focus RS, Focus ST and Fiesta ST as Ford Performance offerings in the country.

The Ford F-Series pickup truck has been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. for 35 straight years.

Manufactured in Dearborn, Michigan, the all-new F-150 Raptor is powered by a 3.5-liter EcoBoost V6 engine providing 450 horsepower and 510 pound-feet of torque.

Ford isn't the only American automaker exporting pickup trucks to China. Late last year, Chevrolet announced it will export U.S.-built Silverado and Colorado pickups to China starting this year. Forbes

reported that Chinese buyers are already paying top-dollar for a record number of Dodge Rams, some of which are entering the country through illicit channels.

"Raptor's unique looks and capability have generated amazing buzz at every auto show we've brought it to around China," said David Schoch, Ford group vice president and president, Ford Asia Pacific.

"F-150 Raptor is another example of our commitment to offer a wide range of vehicles for customers in China."



Michigan-made model joins growing list of pickup trucks by American automakers being exported to China. HANDOUT

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STINGRAY

Proof of Corvette wagon appears

First announced in 2013, it almost seems like Callaway's shooting brake version of the Corvette Stingray would never become reality. But in April 2016, the company confirmed it was heading to production and now there's proof. Pete Callaway, California general manager of Callaway Cars, took to Facebook to share some images of the Chevrolet Corvette AeroWagen in all its glory. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM



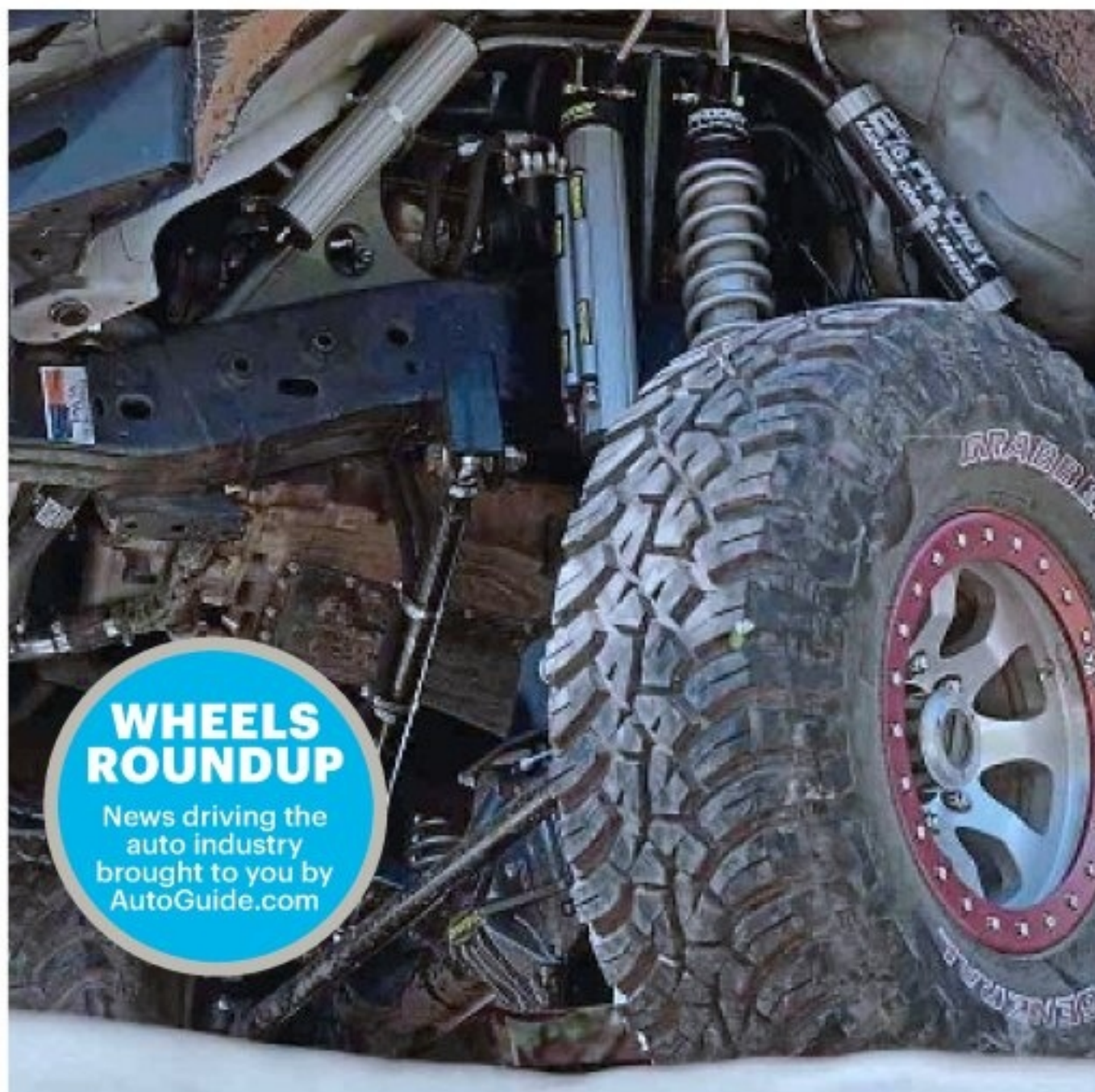
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Station wagon here to stay

Sporting 603 horsepower and 627 pound-feet of torque, the Mercedes-AMG E63 S Wagon is more than just a family hauler.

Wagons may seem to be a dying breed in the U.S., giving way to crossovers

and SUVs, but Mercedes-AMG doesn't have any plans of stepping away from the market. The standard E400 4MATIC Wagon is heading to dealers by March and joining it this fall will be the high-performance AMG E63 S variant. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM



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DELIVERY

Off-road cargo

Nissan is taking deliveries to the next level, making sure that cargo can get anywhere. The NV Cargo X is a project vehicle that debuted 2017 Chicago Auto Show. It stands at over seven-and-a-half feet, sits on 37-inch tires and is powered by a 5.0-liter V8 turbo diesel.

Built in partnership with off-roader Ian Johnson, this van was built to be a rock crawler and its own support vehicle. The suspension is heavily modified to fit the big tires, though the standard leaf spring design is retained in the rear end. A custom LED light system, a 10,000-lb front-mounted winch, a tube bumper and a custom skid plate complete the van's off-road gear.

On the inside, the cargo bay is filled with everything an off-road recovery and support vehicle would carry, including a full-size spare, a recovery rope, recovery tracks, a high-lift jack, portable welder and a tool bag. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

STARTUP

Faraday Future gets realistic with plans



Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

Backed by Chinese billionaire Jia Yueting, Faraday Future began its life in the U.S. as a mysterious automaker looking to build really fast electric cars. Then late last year came reports that the company was struggling.

After debuting a radical concept at CES 2016, the company broke ground on a new facility in Las Vegas, promising a massive three-million square foot facility.

The company then went on to preview its first production car, the FF 91 at CES 2017. The all-electric Tesla fighter claims to go zero-to-96 km/h in 2.39

seconds, making it one of the fastest-accelerating cars in the world.

Now, Reuters reports Faraday Future is getting more realistic with its plans. The factory will now be 650,000 square feet and is slated to open in 2019. Faraday Future's initial product portfolio has also been scaled back from seven to two electric vehicles, while it is believed a dozen key U.S. executives have left the company in the last nine months.

Construction of the facility in Las Vegas stopped last fall due to missed payments to contractors and Nevada state officials.

In addition, a number of suppliers and vendors have sued the automaker for non-payment including seat manufacturer Futuris.



seconds, making it one of the

Renault Trezor named Most Beautiful Concept Car

INNOVATION

French sure seem to know a thing or two about beauty



Jodi Lai
AutoGuide.com

The stunning Renault Trezor Concept that debuted at last year's Paris Motor Show was just voted as the Most Beautiful Concept Car of 2016 by the Festival Automobile International.

The all-electric grand touring vehicle concept stole the spotlight when it was revealed, and previews technology and design cues that will be used on future models from the French automaker.

One of the main design features was a unique clamshell roof that opened to allow access to the red interior.

Total system output for the Renault Trezor was 350 horse-



Features from the model will be used in future designs by the French automaker. HANDOUT

power and 280 pound-feet of torque, which was able to get the two-seater concept to 100 km/h in under four seconds.

"The jury decided this award should go to the Trezor because of the extreme beauty, sensu-

ality, and elegance it exudes," said Rémi Depoix, president of the Festival Automobile International, in a press release.

"It is the epitome of a concept car and we were notably won over by the cohesion of its

overall design and the attention that has been paid to the details.

"It is a fine creative work which, we hope, will inspire Renault's future road-going models."

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Flames smoke out Pens

NHL

Crosby bumps career points total to 998 with assist

Kris Versteeg scored the only goal in the shootout and the Calgary Flames recovered after a furious third-period rally by the Pittsburgh Penguins to get a 3-2 victory on Tuesday night.

Chad Johnson stopped 31 shots in regulation and then turned away Pittsburgh's Phil Kessel and Sidney Crosby in the shootout. The Penguins' Kris Letang hit the post on his team's final attempt.

Michael Frolik scored his 13th goal of the season and Micheal Ferland added his eighth as Calgary picked up two valuable points in the crowded chase for one of the final playoff spots in the wide-open Western Conference.

Crosby inched closer to becoming the 86th player in NHL history to reach 1,000 points when he assisted on Chris Kunitz's third-period goal for career point No. 998. Rookie forward Jake Guentzel forced overtime with his fifth of the season with just under five minutes remaining. Matt Murray made 28 saves but had no chance on Versteeg's beautiful deke in the shootout.

Crosby's next shot at joining the exclusive club is Thursday in Colorado. The 29-year-old two-time MVP is playing some of the finest hockey of his ca-



Sidney Crosby of the Penguins works the puck from behind the Flames goal against defenceman Mark Giordano and goalie Chad Johnson on Tuesday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

reer for the defending Stanley Cup champions. His 30 goals lead the league and he's second in points behind Edmonton's Connor McDavid. While appreciative of the chance to reach such a significant milestone in his already spectacular career — particularly after missing the better parts of two seasons in 2011 and 2012 while

TUESDAY in Pittsburgh



recovering from a concussion — Crosby said he'd like to get it over with quickly so the focus

can turn back to his team's pursuit of first-place Washington in the supremely competitive Metropolitan Division.

Crosby had a pair of opportunities at the doorstep turned away by Johnson in the second period and had a shot from the left circle early in the third clang off the near post and then the far post before skit-



tering out of danger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Julien fired by Bruins

The Bruins felt they needed a change at the top, even if it meant doing it on a day when the city was celebrating a championship.

Boston fired Stanley Cup-winning coach Claude Julien on Tuesday, just hours before a downtown parade in honour of the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory.



Claude Julien
GETTY IMAGES

General manager Don Sweeney apologized for the timing, but said the team's two-day break between games provided time to recover from the emotions of Julien's dismissal. He said he wasn't oblivious of the optics, but added, "I'm not going to make a decision just based on that."

With the team in danger of missing the playoffs for a third straight season, Sweeney felt he had little choice. Boston has lost two in a row and six of nine and fallen out of a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Assistant Bruce Cassidy was named interim coach.



At the end of the day it falls back on the players. We're not the ones that are executing on the ice.

Brad Marchand

"I had come to a conclusion that in moving this group forward with an eye toward the plans that have been put in place, that I wasn't willing to commit to a longer term basis with Claude," Sweeney said.

He also said there is time before the March 1 trade deadline to make adjustments that could get the Bruins in position to make the playoffs.

"There's no question I think this group has a chance to get in," Sweeney said.

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NFL PATRIOTS BRING THE PARTY TO THE STREETS

New England Patriots, from left, free safety Devin McCourty, quarterback Tom Brady and head coach Bill Belichick hoist Super Bowl trophies during a rally Tuesday in Boston to celebrate Sunday's win over the Atlanta Falcons. Hundreds of thousands of fans lined the parade route and endured snow and rain to fete the Pats for winning their fifth NFL championship.

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IN BRIEF

Ban may keep Russia out of track and field worlds

Russian athletics looked set for conflict with the IAAF over doping even as the government admitted on Tuesday some top coaches relied on giving banned substances to their athletes.

The IAAF on Monday said Russia would probably not be reinstated to global athletics until at least November, meaning there won't be an official Russia team at the world championships in August.

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TENNIS

Canada scores win over Venezuela

Canada defeated Venezuela 2-1 in the round-robin opener at the Fed Cup Americas Zone Group I event on Tuesday.

Charlotte Robillard-Millette of Blainville, Que., dropped a 6-3, 6-4 decision to Adriana Perez in the opening match before Bianca Vanessa Andreescu of Mississauga, Ont., pulled Canada even with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Andrea Gamiz.

Andreescu and Robillard-Millette teamed up to beat Gamiz and Perez 6-3, 6-1 in the decisive

AT STAKE

The winner of the nine-team event will advance to the World Group II playoffs in April.

doubles match.

Canada lost in the first round of World Group II play against Belarus last year and then fell to Slovakia in a World Group II playoff. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drouin's decathlon leap

PYEONGCHANG 2018

Winter Games a year away

ATHLETICS

Gold-medal high jumper to take on multi-event challenge

Derek Drouin may be one of the world's greatest high jumpers, but he's a multi-event athlete at heart. And so while he was soaring to world and Olympic high-jump gold, the 26-year-old from Corunna, Ont., never strayed far from his other love. He's drawn more than a few quizzical looks for it.

"There's a lot of times we go to these track meets and he's doing long jump training, or hurdling, or running a 1,500 (metre) workout, and people are like 'What in the hell is he doing?'" said coach Jeff Huntoon. "I just kind of sit back and smile. And I imagine he's doing the same thing."

Drouin has won virtually every high jump title there is,

including Commonwealth and Pan American Games gold. So while this season his goal is to clinch a second high jump title at the world championships in London, he also plans to compete in a few decathlons. The ultimate goal: a spot on next year's Commonwealth Games team.

"It's to get back to what I was doing in college, which was really when I was most confident competing. I kind of felt my strongest, felt like I was in my best physical shape, and I just have a whole lot of fun doing that," Drouin said.

"I was always a pretty strong hurdler in college. I really love throwing javelin. I was always competitive in multis in college and I loved it."

Huntoon actually recruited Drouin out of high school to the Indiana Hoosiers as a multi-event athlete, but Drouin progressed more quickly in the high jump than the decathlon's other nine events.

When Drouin and Huntoon,

It's something I really haven't done in a while, but I'm very excited to get back into that.

Derek Drouin on his renewed interest in competing in the decathlon

who was hired away from Indiana by Athletics Canada in 2015, sat down to map out a four-year plan, switching their focus to the decathlon after the Rio Olympics was on their to-do list for this season.

"And so here we are," Huntoon said.

Drouin is competing in a high jump meet in Slovakia on Wednesday, then is one of the headliners in the prestigious Millrose Games on Saturday in New York City. Then he'll take a brief break before attending a multi-events camp in Australia, to prepare him for a decathlon in Santa Barbara in early April. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Athletes hoping to wear the Maple Leaf at the 2018 Winter Olympics have one year to secure a spot on the Canadian team and hone their performance for a shot at a medal.

"It's definitely on my mind pretty much daily, trying to figure out where you want to be come that day," snowboarder Spencer O'Brien said. "It's pretty crazy to put four years into something and relatively for us, it's four years for 30 seconds."

The 23rd Winter Olympics open Feb. 9, 2018, in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and close 16 days later.

Those who run Canadian sport haven't yet stated a goal for 2018 after making No. 1 in the overall medal count the target in 2010 and 2014.

Own The Podium CEO Anne Merklinger said Canadian performances at worlds in the coming weeks will help decide the medal goal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SUPER G

Kenyan skier Simader has sights set on South Korea

Kenyan skier Sabrina Simader's ambitious path to the 2018 Olympic downhill went through St. Moritz on Tuesday.

The 18-year-old Simader was the only African starter in the women's super-G race at the world ski championships.

She placed last of 39 finishers, more than eight seconds behind champion Nicole Schmidhofer

of Austria.

Still, one month after her World Cup debut in Slovenia — and one year after her four-race Winter Youth Olympics program in Norway — it's a key stage in Simader's route to earning her place in the Olympic line-up next year in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

The Austrian-based teenager's

quest is unusual because few racers outside traditional Alpine teams qualify in the more challenging speed events of downhill and super-G. Simader races all disciplines and plans to have a busy program



Sabrina Simader
GETTY IMAGES

at the two-week worlds in the high-end Swiss resort.

"It's really emotional. I enjoyed it," she said after completing the race to loud cheers from the Swiss crowd and her fan club from Austria waving several Kenyan flags. "The weather is nice, the slope was cool. I hope I will be faster next time."

Simader's exuberance was

matched by her mother Sarah in the finish area, who trained a camera on the giant screen broadcasting the second half of a 90-second run down the 1.95-kilometre course.

Born in Kenya, Sabrina Simader came with her mother to Austria and began skiing when she was 3. Her stepfather, Josef, runs a ski lift in Hansberg.

"When she turned 13 she won a local championship," Simader's advisor, Armin Kolb, told the AP. "She went to Schladming to ski school with other Austrian racers and really learned ski racing."

Simader has scored top-10 finishes in downhill and slalom events at the third-tier FIS (International Ski Federation) race level. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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• 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

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1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Warm olive oil in pan over medium heat. Add vegetables and the fennel seeds and allow to soften, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool a bit.

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine meat, oats, ketchup, sautéed vegetables, cheese and egg. Mix with clean hands or a fork. Use a 1/3 cup measure to scoop mixture and put it in muffin tin.

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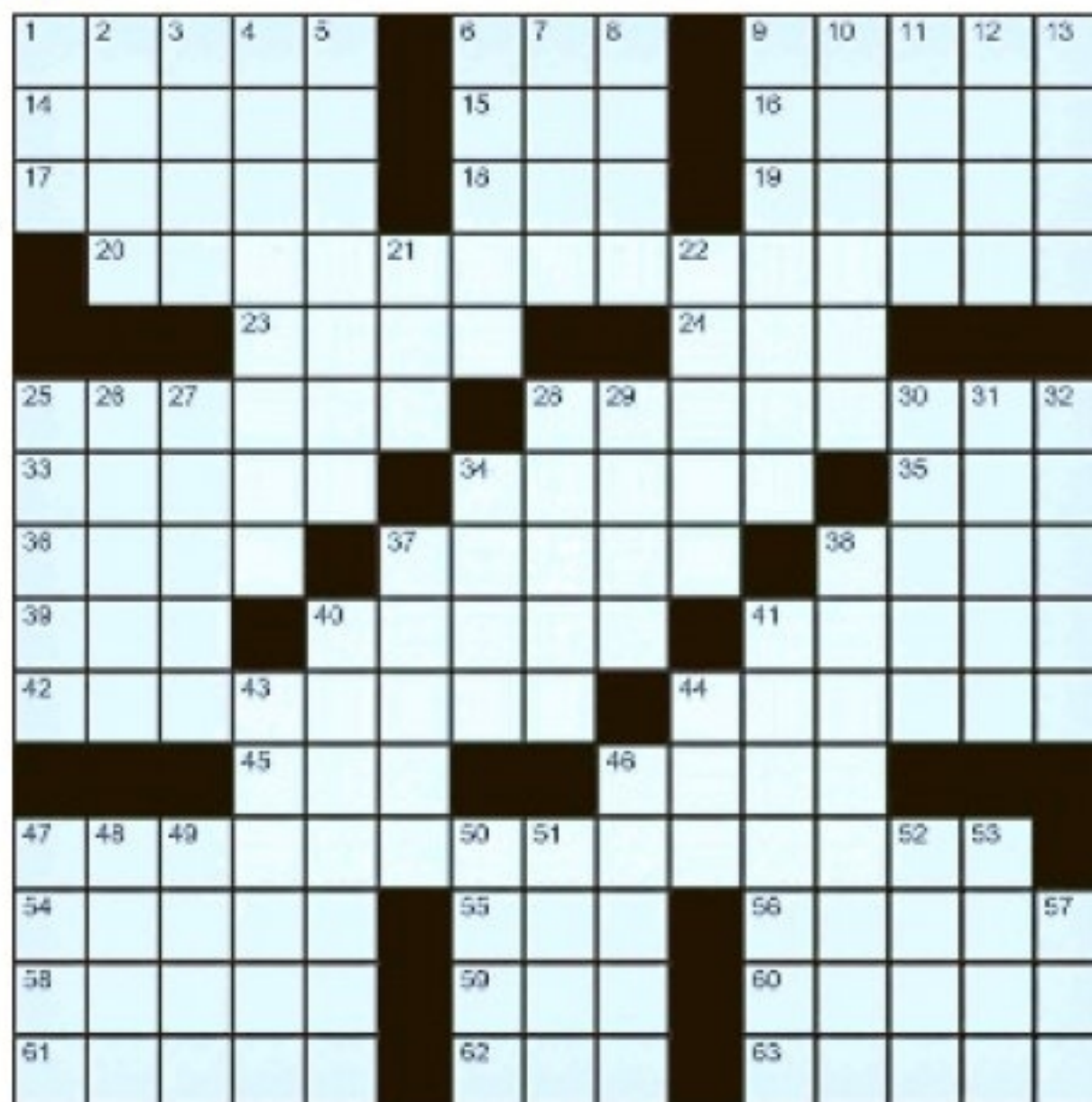
- 1 glug of olive oil
- 1/3 cup onion, diced on the fine side
- 1/3 cup celery, diced small
- 1/3 cup carrot, peeled, diced small
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1/2 cup of rolled oats
- 1 1/2 pound of ground turkey
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup Parmesan, grated
- 2 Tbsp ketchup

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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is the second day in a row where things are volatile at home or with spouses and partners. Do what you can to keep the peace, because tomorrow is a much easier day.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something will create detours and delays in your daily routine today. Therefore, allow extra time for everything so that you have wiggle room for dealing with the unexpected.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something unexpected will affect your cash flow or finances today. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss or theft.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Once again, the Moon is in your sign, at odds with another planet! You are too impulsive and trigger-happy. Just calm down and do not overreact, especially when talking to bosses.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a restless day for you. Because of this, you could make an error in judgment. You also might say something you'll later regret. Be cool — who wants egg on his or her face?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
During discussions with friends or groups, something regarding shared property might blow you out of the water. Do not be hasty; do not shoot from the hip. Think before you speak.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Once again, your relations with parents and bosses are subject to surprises and interruptions. These interruptions might even include arguments. Don't say anything you will regret.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel plans will be interrupted, delayed or changed today. Likewise, school schedules, especially for colleges, universities and technical schools, might be unreliable.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Double-check your bank accounts and anything to do with inheritances and shared property, because something might throw you for a loop.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
People are impulsive and emotional today, which is why you have to maintain your cool. Avoid arguments with family members, partners and spouses.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Equipment breakdowns, computer glitches and interruptions to your work routine will be frustrating today. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Parents should be vigilant about their kids, because this is an accident-prone day. Likewise, social events and anything related to sports might have sudden changes.

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